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SUBJ: AUSTRIAN FEELERS RE UN OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS

1. AMB JANKOWITSCH, AUSTRIAN UN PERMREP AND CHAIRMAN OF UN OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE (OSC), INVITED US REP TO OSC'S SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE FRUTKIN TO LUNCH APRIL 19 AND AIRED SEVERAL INQUIRES REGARDING US ATTITUDE ON FOLLOWING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS CONCERNING UN ACTIVITIES IN OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS:

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF IAEA-TYPE UN SPACE ORGANIZATION;

B. HOLDING SECOND UN CONFERENCE ON SPACE APPLICATIONS (IN VIENNA);

C. CONVENING SOME FUTURE SESSION OF OSC'S SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL OR LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE AT NEW INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FACILITY IN INNSBRUCK.

2. FRUTKIN REPLIED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES, EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING ON PERSONAL BASIS:

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A. QUESTION OF NEW UN SPACE AGENCY SHOULD AWAIT
EMERGENCE OF UN ACTIVITIES, IF ANY, IN SPACE AMBIT
WHICH WOULD WARRANT SETTING UP ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK
BEYOND OSC. MEANWHILE OSC SHOULD CONTINUE TO UNDERTAKE
NECESSARY COORDINATION OF UN SPACE AFFAIRS.

B. NO GENERAL NEED SEEN FOR SECOND SPACE APPLICATIONS
CONFERENCE (NONE WAS SUGGESTED).

C. NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO SUBCOMMITTEE SESSION
IN INNSBRUCK ON EXCEPTIONAL BASIS, PROVIDED AUSTRIA
COULD ASSURE IT WOULD INVOLVE NO ADDITIONAL COST TO UN
OVER EXPENSES OF HOLDING IT IN NEW YORK.

3. AUSTRIAN DELOFF APPROACHED US DELOFF APRIL 22 AM
TO ADVISE THAT GOA WAS CONSIDERING FORMAL INVITATION
TO STSC TO HOLD ITS 1975 SESSION IN INNSBRUCK. HE SAID
AUSTRIAN MISSION, COGNIZANT OF POSITION USG WOULD HAVE
TO TAKE ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSAL, WAS URGING
VIENNA IN ISSUING INVITATION TO AGREE TO ASSUME COST
DIFFERENTIAL AS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND INNSBRUCK. AUSTRIAN
DELOFF ASKED WHETHER USG COULD UNDERTAKE IN ADVANCE TO
SUPPORT STSC ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION ON THAT BASIS.
USDELOFF REPLIED HE WOULD RELAY INQUIRY TO WASHINGTON,
ASKING FOR RESPONSE BY APRIL 24 (AUSTRIANS WOULD PROPOSE
TO ISSUE INVITATION APRIL 25, IN TIME FOR STSC TO IN-
CLUDE VENUE RECOMMENDATION IN ITS REPORT).

4. COMMENT: (A) QUESTIONS OF NEW UN SPACE AGENCY AND
SPACE APPLICATIONS CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN RAISED BY NUMBER
OF DELS IN STSC DEBATE. IF DESIRABLE FOR US DEL TO
TAKE POSITION ALONG LINES OF APAR 2(A) AND (B) ABOVE
FOR RECORD, REQUEST APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST,
WITH ANY AMPLIFICATION DEPARTMENT DEEMS DESIRABLE.
(B) REGARDING VENUE OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING, WE UNDER-
STAND AUSTRIAN MOTIVATION IS TO PROVIDE SUITABLE SEND-OFF
FOR NEW AUSTRIAN SPACE PROGRAM. (AUSTRIAN DELOFF CON-
FIRMED THIS APRIL 22, ADDING THAT INNSBRUCK HAS NEW AND
VERY COMMODIOUS CONFERENCE FACILITIES). DEL RECOMMENDS
THAT WE REPLY TO AUSTRIANS THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING OUR
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CONTINUING POSITION THAT OSC AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES SHOULD
MEET IN NEW YORK WHENEVER POSSIBLE, PROVIDED COST CON-
DITIONS WERE MET WE COULD AS EXCEPTION SUPPORT INITIATIVE
TO CONVENE STSC IN INNSBRUCK IN 1975.
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